



Hacienda News

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

December 2014

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HIPS HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 16TH

Appetizers, Desserts, Cash Bar, White Elephant, Tacky Sweaters and more!

Every Hacienda parent and staff member is invited!
(Sorry, children are not invited to this event.)

Share the Facebook invitation with your Hacienda friends.

Tuesday December 16th
6:00pm-9:00pm
Sonoma Chicken Coop
5925 Almaden Expressway

FOOD: Appetizers and desserts will be provided with a small budget from the Volunteer Appreciation Fund as well as from contributions from a few generous HIPS members. If you would like to contribute to the celebration, please send a note to HIPSrsvp@gmail.com

DRINK: There will be a no-host bar available for beverages. Limited soft drinks will be provided.

GIFT EXCHANGE: If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped white elephant gift (valued at \$5 or less). Hope for a high number and be prepared to battle for the "good" stuff!

TACKY SWEATER CONTEST: Judging will end at 7:30pm or when the gift exchange begins; the winner gets the last steal!

SCIENCE CAMP FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families and friends that supported the Innisbrook Fundraiser for Science Camp.



This 5th grade experience is one that will be a highlight of your child's elementary career.

Be sure to participate in these yearly fundraisers as the profits will continue with your child's grade level until they get to attend science camp in 5th grade.

Orders are approximately scheduled to be picked up from school on December 17th. A reminder will be sent home in the Buzz.

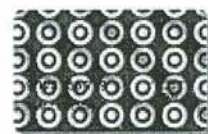
DO YOU HAVE A TARGET RED CARD?

Use the REDcard, and through the Take Charge of Education program, Target will donate 1% of your REDcard purchases made at Target and Target.com to help Hacienda. Be sure to designate our school so we receive this benefit.

Encourage family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to designate Hacienda too!

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION™

Reward your school™



The REDcard™

Look at our statistics as of 11/6/14....how much more can we earn???

HACIENDA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
1290 KIMBERLY DR SAN JOSE, CA 95118-1536
School ID: 35410

The most recent Target donation to this school:
August 2014 \$1,102.36

Total of all Target donations to this school through August 2014: \$11,477.71

Amount accumulated toward the next Target donation: \$253.93

Number of REDcard holders who have designated this school: 79

Enroll at Target.com/TCOE or call 1-800-316-6142.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LOY

Dear Hacienda families,

Although Thanksgiving will already have passed by the time you read this, the memories of time spent with family and friends (and the goodness of that delicious meal), will stay with us for years to come. I am so thankful to be a part of our wonderful community.

October and November have been busy months at Hacienda. In October, we changed our Kindergarten lunch schedule to provide better supervision and safety at lunch recess. We are now staggering the lunch schedule so that only 2 classes are out on the playground at once instead of all 4. This has allowed us to have 2 yard supervisors for 60 students at a time instead of all 120 kinder students at once. The playground is now a much safer place for your children to play.

Additionally, you may have noticed that the gates around the school are locked soon after school begins, and remain closed until ten minutes before school is out. We have made this change for the safety of your children, as an added layer of protection from uninvited guests. Although it may require that you walk a bit further to come in the front entrance of the school, we believe it is the right thing to do to ensure the safety of your children.

The newest additions to our Hacienda staff arrived in October and November. Lisa Roth is teaching first grade and Hollie Gevertz is our new Intervention Specialist. Hollie is working with students in grades K-5 to provide small group interventions. We are thrilled to have both teachers join the Hacienda staff.

As you may be aware, we are focused on ensuring that all students are reading at grade level by the time they complete 2nd grade. This is part of our district wide initiative on K-2 Literacy. The Fall2 testing window

for CPAA recently closed, and I am very pleased to report significant growth in English Language Arts in grades K-2. Kudos to the students and the teachers for all of their effort!

I would like to close

with a warm wish for a joyful holiday season for you and your family. I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming holiday performances.

Warm regards,

Carmen Loy

HIPS LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hacienda Families,

'Tis the season to be reflective and thankful. Oh, and jolly, of course! Thanksgiving is a recent memory and December holiday preparations are in full swing. Where did the time go?!

December is full of music, traditions and memories at Hacienda. The annual Holiday Boutique kicks off the month, followed by holiday choruses and sing-alongs, the third grade chorus at Hicklebee's in Willow Glen, and classroom holiday parties!

December is also when we let our hair down at the annual HIPS Holiday Party in lieu of our usual monthly meeting. Come join us as we celebrate our Hacienda community and show our appreciation for all our fabulous volunteers.

You are all cordially invited to our HIPS Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 16, from 6:30 to 9:00(ish) pm. The party will be held at Sonoma Chicken Coop, 5925 Almaden Expressway. The annual White Elephant gift exchange and the second annual Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest will both leave you laughing!

Please join us at this fun and festive adults-only event and celebrate with us!

Enjoy these last couple of whirlwind weeks before some much-needed downtime and more relaxing with friends and family. Best wishes to you and yours!

Happy Holidays,

Melissa Belur

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: REBECCA ROUNTREE

This month's Volunteer Spotlight is about Rebecca Rountree. What a super star volunteer she is!

Rebecca and her husband, Ryan, have been married 12 years. They have two children, Gabrielle in 5th grade and Joshua in 3rd grade. Rebecca was born and raised in Saratoga. As newlyweds they moved to Seattle for 5 years, where both of their kids were born but couldn't stay away from their family and the beautiful California weather.

Hacienda has been so lucky to have Rebecca. Look at a few ways she has spent countless hours volunteering over the last several years....

- Classroom volunteer every week in the primary grades



- Animal Adoptions co-chair for two years
- Fall Festival Volunteer Coordinator for 3 years
- Project Cornerstone reader for 4 years
- Art Vista Parent Assistant and Docent
- Spring Fling Auction Volunteer and Donor of professional photography services

- Field trip driver and chaperone
- Help with class parties, Box Tops, Thursday folders, and always willing to pitch in where needed.

When Rebecca is not volunteering, she works as a professional photographer. She spends time reading and doing arts and crafts. Also, she enjoys escaping to the beach with her family.

Rebecca, THANK YOU for being a big part of Hacienda!

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

During this busy time of year, remember to take time to read to, with, and in front of your kids. And remember that books, either paper or electronic, make great gifts.

Happy holidays and happy reading,

Cindy Jacobs
Library Lady



ONLINE SHOPPING THROUGH E-SCRIP

On-line shopping for the holidays? Did you know that if you access your favorite sites by first going to escrip.com, a percentage of your spending will earn money for Hacienda? Create a bookmark for escrip.com today!



Mark Your Calendar

Dec 14	<i>Innisbrook Delivered This Week</i>
Dec 16	<i>HIPS Holiday Party Sonoma Chicken Coop Almaden 6:00-9:00pm</i>
Dec 22	<i>First day of Winter Break</i>
Jan 6	<i>Classes Resume</i>
Jan 19	<i>No School/YMCA Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
Jan 20	<i>HIPS Meeting 7:00pm. Childcare provided</i>
Feb 1	<i>Outdoor Workday</i>



Science Lab Notes

IPADS FOR NEXT GENERATION SCIENTISTS

Our young scientists-in-training have begun enjoying our new science iPads as valuable scientific tools during labs. Students have been using the camera functions to document, compare, and share detailed observations of experiments as they progress. Time-lapse videos of chromatography were a real hit with fifth-graders. You can look forward to hearing about new ways we're using the iPads for science from your own "next generation scientist." **Mr. Keedy would like to extend his deep appreciation to HIPS for funding this important part of our science program restructure.** Thank you to **Debbie Walker**, Hacienda's technology support coordinator, for researching, ordering, and setting up the iPads, protective cases, and charging cart.

EXPERIENCED PAINTERS NEEDED FOR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The outdoor classroom seating area is overdue for some professional or experienced painters with equipment to protect our benches and tables from the elements. The wooden shade structure needs resealing and some minor repairs, and the tables and benches need to be prepped and repainted. Please contact Kevin Keedy if you, or someone you know, is willing to volunteer your skills and time to lead or help with this project, please email kkeedy@sjusd.org.

ALL WASHED UP

The science lab gives thanks to **Tracey Ledda** for keeping us awash in clean rags. Science is definitely a messy business, so we are so thankful!

ROCKIN' WORKDAY

Appreciation goes to all of our November outdoor workday volunteers. We accomplished so much: weeding, cleaning up campus, transplanting native hummingbird sage, preparing and seeding the wildflower hill with arroyo lupine, Chinese houses, and baby blue eyes. Your efforts will make the outdoor classroom bloom with color during the Going Native Garden Tour in spring. We also placed **1,150 pounds of new fieldstone boulders** at the top of wildflower hill, thanks to the generous donation by **Dan and Carolyn Flanagan**. November workday volunteers were...

Addy K.	Aila B.	Ava C.	Daniel S.
Adeline S.	Allie B.	Aylin M.	David S. N.
Aidan B.	Allie O.	Claire H.	Dorjey S.
Aidan K.	Alyssa R.	Dana M.	Elizabeth H.

Ella M.
Elli H.
Ellie N.
Emma M.
Esteban
Frank C.
Gabriela A.
Gabiella R.
Grace H.
Gweni T.
Hailey S.N.
Halcyon S.
Heather S.
Hiral R.
Jackie N.
Joanne R.
Joey C.
Jordon L.

Josh N.
Juan C.
Kadin S.
Kate C.
Kate S.
Kira L.

Kira R.
Kiran B.
Lieke V.
Lorelai S.
Megan C.
Melissa J. B.

Meredith S.
Nancy C.
Nate L.
Niley J.
Pam C.
Peri K.
Philip G.
Pierce S.
Que Tran N.
Riley H.
Samuel S.
Sarah M.
Sean R.
Seth R.
Stehanie C.
Teresa M.
Tomas N.



Pierce and Megan help move new boulders



Addy, Dana and Peri transplant hummingbird sage.



Mary and the Daisies enjoy crayfishing, a reward for working.

~ Kevin Keedy, Science Resource Teacher

Musical Notes

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH

In December we are listening to "Waltz of the Flowers" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

- "Waltz of the Flowers" is from a ballet Tchaikovsky composed called The Nutcracker.
- It is scored for a full orchestra including strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion.
- The Nutcracker is one of the most frequently performed ballets in the world, especially the United States. In many areas The Nutcracker is an annual tradition, and several ballet companies in the San Francisco Bay Area present it each December.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE WINTER/HOLIDAY CHORUSES

First and second grade classes have worked very hard preparing for their Holiday Chorus performances on Friday, Dec. 12. First graders will perform for parents and families at 9:15 AM on Dec. 12th, and second graders will perform for their parents and families at 2:15 PM on Dec. 12th. Both shows will take place in the school cafeteria.

A recording of each performance will be sold for \$5/DVD, and proceeds will go back to the Hacienda music program. DVD order forms have been sent home and will also be available on the day of the performance.

On the day of their performance, first and second grade students will not be required to wear school uniforms. They are encouraged to wear their best holiday clothing for the performance. Students should not wear hats, though, as they can obstruct the view of other students.

FIFTH GRADE BAND

The band students are excited to present their very first

public performance December 18th at 3:45 in the cafeteria. During this "mini-concert" you will be able to hear what these young musicians have been able to accomplish with just 10 short rehearsals. Come out and support the band!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO VIDEO PERFORMANCES

If you are interested in video recording school performances for Ms. Fennern and Ms. Ulrich, they would love to hear from you! All equipment is provided. Please leave a message for either music teacher or send an email to let them know you are interested. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE - MUSIC EVENTS

- 3rd Grade Hicklebee's Chorus - Wednesday, December 3rd between 6-7:30 PM at Hicklebee's Bookstore, Willow Glen
- 1st Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 12th at 9:15 AM in the cafeteria
- 2nd Grade Holiday Chorus - Friday, December 12th at 2:15 AM in the cafeteria
- Band Mini-Concert - Thursday, December 18th at 3:45 PM in the cafeteria
- Winter/Holiday Sing Along - Friday, December 19th (Check with your child's teacher for his/her assembly time. Seating is limited at this school-wide sing along assembly.)
- 4th Grade Recorder Concert - Tuesday, February 24th at 9:15 AM in the cafeteria
- 3rd Grade Chorus - Wednesday, February 25th at 9:15 AM in the cafeteria
- 5th Grade Musical - Wednesday, March 18th at 2:05 PM in the cafeteria



2014 SCRIP GIFT CARD HOLIDAY ORDERS

For guaranteed delivery of gift cards you must submit your order by Monday, Dec 15th at 3:00pm. They will be ready for pick up on Friday, Dec 19th.

Turn in your SCRIP order form to your teacher, place your order on ShopWithScrip.com Hacienda enrollment code: 92954BF433L76, or come to the SCRIP Gift Card table. Scrip Table hours: Tue & Thur 2:45-3:15 in the primary playground. A limited number of Gift Cards to popular local retailers are available for immediate purchase but completing the order form will guarantee you get what you want. Order forms in the school office or <http://www.sjUSD.org/hacienda/hips/scrip/> Questions are welcome at HaciendaScrip@gmail.com

Use SCRIP for gifts, grocery shopping, gas, home improvement projects, clothing, dining out, and travel and LOTS more.

Every time you purchase something you have the potential to earn money for Hacienda. Shown below are only some of the retailers available. There are hundreds more!

